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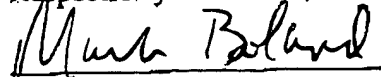
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BOX CPA

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Tsuyoshi INOUE, Keiji HAYASHI, Kenji SANO, Akira WAKABAYASHI, Kenichi SHIBATA, Shuuji SUGIMOTO, Komaharu MATSUI, Takeshi EDA and Hiroshi UEDA
 SHEET FOR PROTECTING PAINT FILMS OF AUTOMOBILES
 Our Ref: Q54370

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/311,753 filed on May 14, 1999 of INOUE, Keiji HAYASHI, Kenji SANO, Akira WAKABAYASHI, Kenichi SHIBATA, Shuuji SUGIMOTO, Komaharu MATSUI, Takeshi EDA and Hiroshi UEDA entitled SHEET FOR PROTECTING PAINT FILMS OF AUTOMOBILES.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1773, Examiner K. Bernatz.

Enter the Amendment previously filed on March 19, 2001 under 37 CFR § 1.116, but unentered, in the prior application.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from May 19, 1998, and September 10, 1998, based on Japanese Patent Application Nos. Hei 10-155216, and Hei 10-276526, respectively. The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/311,753.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (after entry of the Amendment requested above):

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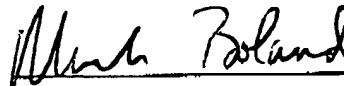
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Please charge the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19 4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in pending parent Application No. 09/311,753. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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